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Brazilian Plant Accredited

Perdigao's poultry processing plant, in southern Brazil, is the first Brazilian company authorized to sell its cooked chicken products directly to European Union retailers. The European Food Safety Inspection Service accredited the facility. The facility slaughters 140 thousand birds per day and produces around 232 tons of chicken products.

Source: WATTNET

USDA Accepts Bid for Frozen Poultry to Middle East Countries

On March 5 the Commodity Credit Corporation accepted a bid from an exporter for frozen poultry to Middle East countries under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP). American Manufacturing & Marketing Assn. was awarded 46 mt of frozen poultry with a bonus of \$600 per mt for delivery from March 5 - May 31, 1999. The remaining EEP balance for Middle East Countries is 18,618 mt. The expiration date for this program is June 30, 1999.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Islamic Group Vows to Boost Co-Operation

The so-called D-8 group of developing Islamic countries met last week in Dhaka where members pledged greater economic co-operation and agreed to work together to address the challenges posed by trade globalisation. The D-8 called for a "balanced" agenda at the upcoming Third WTO Ministerial, urging the WTO to address issues of interest to both developed and developing countries. The D-8 is comprised of Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Egypt, Malaysia and Pakistan and Nigeria.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest

Hungarian Duck Subsidies

The Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture has allocated additional subsidies for Hungarian duck exports this year of HUF 75.1 million (US\$1=HUF220). The extra subsidies will be HUF 30 per kilo for other duck parts. The extra subsidies will be paid on top of the current export subsidies, and will be applicable to 1,100 tons of already subsidized boned duck, 200 tons of breast and 700 tons of duck parts.

Source: World Poultry

NAFTA Positive For Mexico's Poultry Industry

A local newspaper article indicates that the domestic poultry industry within NAFTA led to dynamic growth and changed traditional methods of production. The opening of trade has been positive for the poultry industry. NAFTA encouraged poultry producers to take control of the distribution process, improve brand and quality control, and to produce value-added products. Also, it was mentioned that with open competition it was necessary to design new regulations so that everyone will comply with the same requirements. This is the reason Mexico designed a regulation that would protect domestic efforts to eradicate avian influenza. In fact the avian influenza regulation (NOM-044) went into effect on February 12, 1999 and has had wide press coverage. (Source: Reforma 02/15/99, 02/16/99, El Economista 02/12/99, El Financiero 02/16/99)

Mexican Poultry Prices Expected To Increase

TV and the press media announced that egg prices would go up about 6-8 percent from an average retail price of 9.60 pesos/kg (US\$0.96). Poultry meat is also expected to increase from an average of 10.00 pesos/kg to 12.00 pesos/kg (US\$1.00 to \$1.20/kg) at the retail level. The Federal Agency for Consumer Protection (PROFECO) indicated that egg prices depend on supply and demand and that producers cannot manipulate prices. It is important to note, however, that these price announcements were done within the weeks before Easter when Mexican consumers traditionally buy more fish and poultry products rather than red meats. (Reforma 02/17/99)

Source: USDA/FAS (Not official USDA data)

1998 U.S. Poultry Exports

Poultry exports were up 40 percent in December, pushing 1998 exports to 2.5 million tons, 2 percent below 1997 shipments. Pressured by low leg quarters prices, the total value of 1998 poultry meat exports slipped 10 percent to \$2.2 billion. A sharp recovery in December shipments to Russia (51,113 tons), combined with an additional 17,000 moving into Latvia, underpinned a 50 percent jump in monthly broiler meat exports. Diminishing leg quarter prices over the last half of 1998 induced stronger demand from Hong Kong, Mexico and Japan. Combined with a 42 percent jump in shipments to smaller markets in Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East, overall broiler meat exports inched past their 1997 record. The value of broiler exports did not show the same strength, down 9 percent to \$1.7 billion as leg quarter prices dropped precipitously following the Russian financial crisis. Despite strong demand from Mexico lackluster 1998 turkey exports, down 26 percent in both volume and value, dampened the overall export performance for U.S. poultry meat.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
International Agricultural Trade Report

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	97	229	2,327	2,252
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	58	83
Total	97	229	2,391	2,385

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	165	59	731	823
Frozen	8	7	74	99
Dried	0	0	10	11
Total	173	66	815	933

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	26	0	26	0
Extra Large	445	150	2,695	2,075
Large	1,824	1,280	12,008	10,180
Medium	1,513	1,089	5,989	6,608
Ungraded	0	1,560	46,769	16,075
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	3,808	4,079	67,487	34,938

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. March 12,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE		18.00	14.00-15.00	12.00
WTD AVERAGE		18.00	14.33	12.00
203,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-11.00	13.00-20.00	7.00-12.00	12.50-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	10.33	13.78	10.14	12.73
1,663,200 pounds, this includes 401,600 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 6-Mar-99 (PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	1,928	1,348	3,276
LAST WEEK	2,040	1,356	3,396
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,880	1,197	3,077
TO-DATE/1999	19,523	11,933	31,456
TO-DATE/1998	18,216	11,493	29,709

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	376	17	393
LAST WEEK	468	7	475
SAME WEEK YR AGO	590	0	590
TO-DATE/1999	4,325	75	4,400
TO-DATE/1998	4,837	85	4,922

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,304	1,365	3,669
LAST WEEK	2,508	1,363	3,871
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,470	1,197	3,667
TO-DATE/1999	23,848	12,008	35,856
TO-DATE/1998	23,053	11,578	34,631

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. March 12,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
RANGE	14.00-17.00	-	17.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.53		17.00	

1,062,000 pounds, this includes 354,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00	15.50	12.00	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	15.50	12.00	16.75
428,500 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	14.00-16.00	9.00-13.20	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	14.79	11.05	13.67
2,065,400 pounds, this includes 156,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.00	

102,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

MARCH 12, 1999

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on tom breast meat, skin added 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) barely steady to fully steady and thigh meat steady at best. Demand light to fair on tom breast meat with trading centered on close trimmed. Fresh 15-20% skin added MST demand uneven ranging light to good on tight to fully adequate offers. Offerings of regular trimmed tom breast meat available and instances of increased frozen destrapped tenderloin offers noted. Frozen mature breast meat (1load) 155 cents shipping point. For export: fresh tom drums (3 loads) 20-20.50 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	20.44	71	20.58	191
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50		20.50	40	20.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00		49.00	40	49.86	140

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.44	71
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	51.00	60

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-22.00		20.67	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-51.50		51.00	60

TUESDAY, MARCH 09, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	21.50	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00		49.00	40

MONDAY, MARCH 08, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
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1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.